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Ban of Fishing in Ganges

2705. SHRI P. M. SYEED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a ban on fishing from Rajghat to Ramnagar in the Ganga;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there was an agitation against this ban;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Indian Embassies and High Commissions

**2706. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI:
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of countries where Indian Embassy/High Commission has opened during the last one year;

(b) the number of Ambassadors/High Commissioners/Head of Missions who were posted in Indian Missions abroad;

(c) the number out of them belongs to I.F.S., I.A.S., and other Central Services;

(d) the number out of them who are non-officials;

(e) the number of them belongs to

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities;

(f) whether any quota fixed for persons of these communities for appointment as Ambassadors or Heads of Missions; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):

(a) No resident Indian Mission has been opened during last one year.

(b) At present there are 93 Heads of Missions and 93 permanent Representatives of India to the United Nations Offices.

(c) and (d). 86 belongs to IFS. There are 10 others out of whom 4 are retired officers; from IAS (2), IPS (1) and IFS (1).

(e) There are 10 Heads of Missions who belong to Scheduled Caste Communities and 6 Heads of Mission belongs to Scheduled Tribes Communities.

(f) and (g). No quota is fixed for appointment of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe officers as Head of Mission.

[Translation]

Action Plan for Development of Naxalite Affected areas in Madhya Pradesh

2707. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any action plan to the Union Government for development of naxalite affected areas in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Central assistance is likely to be provided to the State for the implementation of the said plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?